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The grass in McKinley's Canton door-yard is in for another camp meeting experience.

Advice to the Democracy: Climb a tree when Roosevelt's Rough Riders come along.

Nothing definite is known of the state of affairs in Peking and the worst is feared for the diplomats and missionaries.

Uncle Sam is merely standing by in China but he will act quickly enough if he sees a Boxer on the trail of an American.

Strong pressure must have been needed to get Roosevelt on the ticket and the fact that it was strong enough is a thing for every Republican to rejoice over.

The hatchmen in the local Republican party are for harmony if they can be the only ones harmonized. They don't care what color the band-wagon is painted so long as it is painted red. We foresaw as much.

As National Committeeman Mr. Sewall will have a chance to show his political paces. He can do a great deal for party harmony and if he chooses to take that course he will not fail of support in unexpected quarters.

Senator Quay's plan to give one delegate to the next Republican Convention for every 10,000 Republican votes cast in the previous Presidential contest, would prevent several Territories including Hawaii from taking part and also keep out various States.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The platform upon which the Republican party will make its quadrennial fight is strong in the affirmation of records and principles. In its exordium the platform declares that the Republicans found the country prostrate under the burden of hard times and proposed to raise it up with the lever of a protective tariff, while the Democrats had nothing better to offer than free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. The people chose Republican aid and as a result "prosperity is more general and more abundant than any we have ever known. Capital is fully employed and everywhere labor is profitably occupied." "No single fact," continues the exordium, "can more strikingly tell the story of what Republican government means to the country than this—that while during the whole period from 1801 to 1897 there was an excess of exports over imports of only \$383,628,497, there has been in the short three years of the present Republican Administration an excess of exports over imports in the enormous sum of \$1,483,738,094, and while the American people, sustained by this Republican legislation, have been achieving these splendid triumphs in their business and commerce, they have conducted and in victory concluded a war for liberty and human rights."

The various planks in more or less condensed form are as follows:

I. The war with Spain, conducted victoriously by the McKinley administration was for liberty and not aggrandizement.

II. The administration of William McKinley has elevated and extended the American nation. Democratic success would expose the country to the menace of hard times and bad official management.

III. Allegiance is renewed to the principle of the gold standard and legislation to lower and equalize rates of interest is approved. No tolerance of free silver.

IV. Trusts to restrict business create monopolies, limit production and control prices are condemned.

V. Faith is renewed in protection and reciprocity; a restricted immigration is favored; dependence on foreign shipping is deprecated and better military and naval safeguards proposed.

VI. Liberal pension laws.

VII. The policy of the Republican party in maintaining the efficiency of the civil service is commended. "The Administration has acted wisely in its effort to secure for public service in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines only those whose fitness has been determined by training and experience. We believe that employment in the public service in these Territories should be confined, as far as practicable, to their inhabitants." Devices to exclude colored voters from the ballot box are denounced. Good roads and the extension of rural free delivery are called for.

IX. For the sake of free homes the reclamation of arid lands is proposed. Early statehood is sought for the Territories of New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma.

X. The abolition of war taxes, the building of the Nicaragua canal and the open door policy in China are favored.

XI. A Department of Commerce to control the Consular service is advocated. Likewise the full and adequate protection of Americans abroad. The women of America are congratulated on their record in the late war.

XII. The President's foreign policy is commended, especially as regards Samoa. "We approve the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States. We commend the part taken by our Government in the Peace Conference at The Hague. We assert our steadfast adherence to the policy announced in the Monroe doctrine."

XIII. "The provisions of The Hague Convention were wisely regarded when President McKinley tendered his friendly offices in the interest of peace between Great Britain and the South African Republics. While the American Government must continue the policy prescribed by Washington, affirmed by every succeeding President, and imposed upon us by The Hague treaty, of non-intervention in European controversies, the American people earnestly hope that a way may soon be found, honorable alike to both contending parties, to terminate the strife between them."

XIV. "In accepting by the treaty of Paris the just responsibility of our victories in the Spanish war, the President and the Senate won the undoubted approval of the American people. No

other course was possible than to destroy Spain's sovereignty throughout the West Indies and in the Philippines. That course created our responsibility before the world and with the unorganized population whom our intervention had freed from Spain, to provide for the maintenance of good government and for the performance of international obligations. Our authority could not be less than our responsibility, and wherever sovereign rights were extended, it became the high duty of the Government to maintain its authority, to put down armed insurrection and to confer the blessings of liberty and civilization upon all the rescued peoples. The largest measure of self-government consistent with their welfare and our duties shall be secured to them by law. To Cuba, independence and self-government were assured in the same voice by which war was declared and to the letter this pledge shall be performed.

"The Republican party, upon its history and upon this declaration of its principles and policies, confidently invites the considerate and approving judgment of the American people."

McKINLEY AND ROOSEVELT.

The Republican National ticket, McKinley and Roosevelt, is the strongest one that has been named since 1872. It is made so, not only by McKinley's remarkable public record and by the fulfillment of the pledges given in his behalf four years ago, but by the appearance for the first time in the history of the Republican party of a statesman and popular leader in the second place. Logan who ran with Blaine in 1884, was a popular leader but hardly a statesman, while Roosevelt is both. No impartial Republican would object to seeing him in the White House and will hope to do so after McKinley's term has been rounded out.

It is conceded that the Presidential contest will be largely decided in Ohio and New York. McKinley has lost no strength in his native State; indeed prosperity has added to his votes. Roosevelt carried New York by an unusual majority two years ago and his course at Albany has strengthened him. Of all the States carried by McKinley in 1896 but one, the State of Kentucky, is doubtful. Of the States carried by Bryan several, including Nebraska, offer the Republicans a fair field to fight in.

The issues, too, point to Republican majorities. The Republicans hold to the gold standard which won in 1896 and can point to it as one of the safeguards of good times. The Democrats hardly dare intrude the discredited issue of free silver. As for trusts the Republicans introduced the only practicable remedy at the late session of Congress and the Democrats opposed it. This puts the Democracy on the defensive. Finally the expansion issue reveals the Republican party as the proponents of a Greater America and the Democrats as provincial contractionists with whom no warm blooded patriot can feel the slightest sympathy without losing something of self-respect.

From all appearances McKinley and Roosevelt are as certain as Grant and Wilson were to be elected. We wish Hawaii might help, but if it cannot share in the voting it may do so in the rejoicing and in the benefits.

THE NEILL COMPANY

Honolulu has never seen a more artistic performance than that of the Neill Company last night. Lady Windermere's Fan was the play and Oscar Wilde who wrote it might well have wished for a seat in the Opera House.

The play is not for children. All grown folk cannot grasp it. It appeals to those who have walked in life some years; those who have lived, loved and suffered. A more moral play has not been written for grown-up people.

It is the not new story of men and women in London's fashionable whirl who fritter away their days and nights in an aimless existence but in whom there is just as much feeling and just the same passions as in persons of humbler spheres. Elythe Chapman was very pleasing in the role of Mrs. Erynn. I have not seen a more human interpretation of a very human character. Miss Chapman impresses one as a remarkable actress. In her part last night she looked handsomer than on previous nights and I thought that she played better than before.

She gets very close to the hearts of her audience and we shall not forget her soon. Grace MacLamkin surprised me last night. She has plenty of ability and showed it to advantage as Lady Windermere. I hadn't thought her such a player as she proved herself. Her acting was especially good in the rooms of Darlington where Mrs. Erynn appeals to her to return to her husband's home and where she has a difficult bit of work. This scene affected many women deeply.

I sat next to one plump matron who cried aloud: "For heaven's sake don't let people hear you weepin'," said her husband, an insignificant snip of whom she would make two in body and six in soul.

"I can't help it," sobbed the poor woman, "I'm thinking of the baby." Lady Windermere, believing her husband does not love her, and persuaded by the pleadings of a friend of her husband—one of those friends who really exist—has fled from her own home to the apartments of this would-be lover, Mrs. Erynn pursued her thither and implores her to save herself and fly before discovery. Only when the appeal is made to her as a mother does the unfortunate Lady Windermere lend a listening ear.

Miss Lamkin acted with much spirit and as I judge any woman placed in her predicament might. Lillian Andrews is a gem of a fat and fussy dowager. She bubbles over with fun and those who have seen her before look forward anxiously for her appearance. She is at home as a duchess or a cook and I guess that her cooking would be much above par.

Mr. Neill had not such a prominent role as on other evenings. He is always true. Not being the hero in Lady Windermere's Fan he was not so strongly in evidence as formerly. Neill grows on one as does Miss Chapman and is always interesting in his interpretations. Benn Howard was not a villain last night. On the contrary he was a hero and he was a good one.

People who had come to hate him were a bit disappointed in his being an admirable character. Frank MacVicar and Robert Morris were capital chaplains of a mature age. The play was

beautifully staged. All in all Lady Windermere's Fan is the best yet of the Neill Company. To-night A Parisian Romance, one of the most dramatic plays extant, goes on with Neill as Baron Chevrall.

JULIAN SYDNEY.

TELEGRAMS CONDENSED.

News of Coast Files Abbreviated For Quick Reading.

Sugar, raw, strong. Coomassie has not been relieved. There is little rainfall as yet in India. Chief Samory of the French Congo is dead.

Bloomington, Ill., has had a disastrous fire. St. Louis car magnates have rejected arbitration.

The North Dakota wheat crop is a total failure. An extensive group of spots has appeared on the sun.

The Khedive of Egypt is ill on board the Queen's yacht. Heavy rains in Luzon are disheartening the guerrillas.

The Kaiser will visit the Passion Play at Oberammergau.

It is reported that Colombian rebels have captured Panama. Senator Perkins of California is a candidate for re-election.

Returning Kiondikers say the clean-up may reach \$40,000,000. Rains are delaying the advance of the Coomassie relief column.

Stephen M. White of California may be Bryan's running mate. Irving and Terry received an ovation on their return to London.

Ada Rehan and Wilton Lackaye will head the Fawley company. Malarial fever is disabling a great many of MacArthur's troops.

President Loubet has visited the American exhibit at the fair. Creeks are said to be yellow with gold all through the Nome region.

Major F. H. Edmunds of Fitzhugh Lee's staff is dead of yellow fever.

The St. Louis strike is subsiding and the citizens' posse may soon return.

The transport Warren will sail from Manila for San Francisco on July 1st.

Several troops of the Sixth cavalry have left Kansas for San Francisco.

The Navy Department has established a coaling station at San Diego, Cal.

Cars are being run on all divisions of the St. Louis Transit Company's system.

Senator Platt of New York is suffering from a fractured rib, the result of a fall.

Charlotte Perkins Stetson, the authoress and reformer, has married again.

Gen. Alexander Rodriguez, Nationalist candidate for Mayor of Havana, was elected.

The skeleton head of a mammoth has been found near San Francisco, at Half Moon bay.

The transport Hancock, outward bound, was driven back to Manila by a typhoon.

Paris Exposition Commissioners refuse to judge American wines with French names.

A National Union League has been formed to secure the peaceful annexation of Canada.

Two millions were lost by the Bloomington, Ill., fire. The court house, costing \$400,000, went.

Senator Clark's friends carried nineteen counties out of twenty-five at the Montana primaries.

Wm. M. Fitzhugh, the English mining engineer, is much impressed by California oil fields.

Rev. F. W. Bartlett, an Episcopal minister of San Francisco, was drowned in Sonoma creek.

Fitzharris and Mullet, Phoenix Park murderers, have been refused entrance to the United States.

Forces under Generals Grant and Funston lately won two important victories near Biacchata.

Helen Gould is to spend a day on the battle ship Massachusetts, as a guest of the forecastle hands.

Brown University alumni have subscribed \$750,000 to obtain John D. Rockefeller's gift of \$250,000.

The Havana University, which has been "stuffed" with high salaried professors, will be reformed.

Baden-Powell's force is making easy progress through Western Transvaal, and will soon reach Pretoria.

Gen. Wheeler has been made a Brigadier in the regular army and sent to the Department of the Lakes.

The Muir glacier, in Alaska, has been shattered by earthquakes and the sea thereabouts is blocked with floating ice.

A Burlington train was nearly wrecked by a hailstorm in Nebraska. Many of the stones were as large as base balls.

Princess Radziwill of Russia has lost \$10,000 worth of gems by theft, including a bracelet given her by the Afghan Ameer.

Several important buildings, including the Exchange National Bank and Duff's College, have been burned in Pittsburgh.

W. S. Gilbert has enjoined Janet Steere from producing Pygmalion and Galatea, because of her changes in the "business."

It is rumored at Phoenix, Arizona, that three of the four Mexican bandits who committed murders near there have been killed.

Sir Frederick Hodgson was wounded and eight officers killed during a sortie from Coomassie. Great privations are endured in the city.

Chester S. Lord, managing editor of the New York Sun, was knocked down and badly hurt by a Brooklyn trolley car going at full speed.

From the character of the Chinese defence at Taku and of their general military movements, it is sure that they are having foreign advice.

There is a project advocated by Bishop McPaul of New Jersey and others to unite all Roman Catholic societies in America for political work.

Chicago shows but a million and a half of population and fears that Philadelphia may succeed her. The Two Million Club may demand a recount.

Eight thousand Pima Indians are in a starving condition. Their water supply has been diverted by white settlers and they are no longer able to raise crops.

The American pavilion at the Paris fair is discreditable to a first-class country. One of its features is a cheap restaurant with French waiters and a soda fountain.

Augustine, chief of the Sequoia tribe of Indians in San Diego county, is dead, aged 139. His age is attested by Mission registers and the memory of the oldest men of the tribe.

Japan and Corea are at outs over the murder by horrible tortures of two political prisoners of Corea who were wards of the Japanese. Diplomatic relations are strained and may be followed by war.

The Bloomfontein correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing June 16th, says that Lor. Roberts is getting huts for 30,000 men and is arranging for re-transport for a part of his army, although his plans are not to take effect immediately.

Miscellaneous armed crowds have been in progress hithward for some weeks, and the borders around Peking are being constantly swelled by their arrivals. Well informed Chinese who are not unfriendly toward foreigners declare that there must now be more than 120,000 men outside the city gates, all of them armed, although some in a more or less crude fashion. The probability is that there are not more than 70,000 Chinese troops among them, all told.

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